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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA), (SMITH, KENNETH STEVEN),

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT:KIDNAPPED AMERICAN

REF : A) DAR 2540 B) DAR 2541 C) DAR 2542

1. ASSUMING DEADLINE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A IS JULY 17,

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BELIEVE ONE OR MORE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, BUT EXCLUDING

EMBASSY, SHOULD RELEASE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY:  
QTE WE HAVE READ THE TWO LETTERS, DATED JULY 13 AND  
JULY 14, FROM KENNETH STEVEN SMITH, THE REMAINING AMERICAN  
STUDENT BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY  
PARTY (PRP). THE LETTERS STATE THAT A RESPONSE MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY JULY 17. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE  
LETTERS WERE NOT RECEIVED UNTIL JULY 16, WE URGE THAT THE  
PRP EXTEND ITS DEADLINE. UNQTE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUGGESTED LETTER FROM  
JOSEPH SMITH TO HIS SON. (DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THIS LETTER  
WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. IF IT WERE, MENTION OF PUBLICITY  
COULD BE HARMFUL BY ANTAGONIZING GOZ).

3. SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES IN LETTER:

A. PARA 5, SENTENCE 6 TO READ QTE IF YOU ARE RELEASED  
UNHARMED, THEN I AM SURE THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT  
WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON PRP PRISONERS. UNQTE.

B. PARA 5, SENTENCE 9 TO READ QTE WE PARENTS HAVE AND  
WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN ABOUT THIS, BUT I  
THINK IT IS MAINLY BETWEEN THE PRP AND THE TANZANIANS  
TO WORK OUT AMONG THEMSELVES. UNQTE.

C. PARA 6, SENTENCE 4 TO READ QTE NOTHING WOULD DO MORE  
DAMAGE TO THE PRP CAUSE THAN THEIR HARMING YOU. UNQTE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS WHICH THE PRP HAS PLACED ON THE  
RELEASE OF PRISONERS BY TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE FACT  
THAT TAN GOV HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO  
RELEASE THE PRISONERS, ONCE THE REMAINING STUDENT IS  
RELEASED, WE THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT COPIES OF  
SMITH'S TWO MOST RECENT LETTERS GET TO THE TAN GOV AT  
THE HIGHEST LEVEL FEASIBLE.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD THEREFORE APPROACH HIGHEST LEVEL  
TAN GOV TO DELIVER COPIES OF TWO LETTERS, INDICATE  
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SAVING SMITH'S LIFE, STRESS MAJOR  
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH TAN GOV HAS IN BEING HELPFUL AND  
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INDICATE THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHAT THEY ARE  
PREPARED TO DO AS CONSEQUENCE OF LETTERS.

6. IN ADDITION AND WITHOUT EMBASSY BECOMING INVOLVED IN  
ANY WAY WHATSOEVER WITH TAN GOV, WE SUGGEST THAT  
SANFORD REP/PARENTS MAY WISH TO ASK BRYCESON TO DISCUSS  
POSSIBILITY WITH TANGOV OF SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF  
MINIMUM OF TWO PRISONERS FOR SMITH. THIS WOULD AVOID

PUTTING TANGOV IN POSITION OF HAVING TO RETREAT FROM  
PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION OF REFUSAL TO RELEASE  
PRISONERS UNTIL SMITH RELEASED. KISSINGER

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